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ABSTRACT

Designed to elicit information for the National Longitudinal Study of the High School Class of 1972, this questionnaire is completed by the parents or guardians of students participating in the Study. Questions concern parent attitudes toward higher education, financial support, ethnic and demographic information, income level, occupation and educational background. (RC)

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THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS PERTAIN TO YOU AS PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF THE SON OR DAUGHTER NAMED IN THE ENCLOSED LETTER. WE APPRECIATE YOUR TAKING THE TIME TO ANSWER THEM.

1. How much schooling do you and your spouse want your son or daughter to get?

(Circle one number in each column.)

	You	Your spouse
Want him/her to quit high school without graduating	1	1
Want him/her to graduate from high school and stop there	2	2
Want him/her to graduate from high school and then go to a vocational, technical, trade, or business school	3	3
Want him/her to go to a two-year or junior college	4	5
Want him/her to go to a four-year college or university	5	5
Want him/her to go to a graduate or professional school after graduating from four-year college or university	6	6
I don't know	7	7

2. Thinking back to May of 1972, how long had your son or daughter lived in the community where he/she lived then?

(Circle one.)

All his/her life	1
Ten or more years	2
Five to ten years	3
Three to four years	4
One to two years	5
Less than one year	6

3. How many of his/her brothers or sisters are in college this fall?

(Circle one.)

None	0
One	1
Two	2
Three	3
Four or more	4

4. As of May 1972, how many of his/her brothers and sisters and other persons were dependent on you for financial support?

(Circle one number in each column.)

	Brothers and sisters	Other persons
None	0	0
One	1	1
Two	2	2
Three	3	3
Four	4	4
Five	5	5
Six or more	6	6

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5. Which category best describes your son or daughter?

(Circle one.)

American Indian 1
Black or Afro-American or Negro 2
Mexican-American or Chicano 3
Puerto Rican 4
Other Latin-American origin 5
Oriental or Asian-American 6
White or Caucasian 7
Other 8

6. Is English the language spoken most often in your home?

(Circle one.)

No 1
Yes 2

7. As of May 1972, which of the following did you have in your home?

(Circle one number on each line.)

	Did have	Did not have
A specific place for study	1	2
Daily newspaper	1	2
Dictionary	1	2
Encyclopedia or other reference books	1	2
Magazines	1	2
Record player	1	2
Tape recorder or cassette player	1	2
Color television	1	2
Typewriter	1	2
Electric dishwasher	1	2
Two or more cars or trucks that run	1	2

8. As of May 1972, what was the combined approximate income, before taxes, of both you and your spouse? Include taxable and nontaxable income from all sources.

(Circle one.)

Less than $3,000 a year (about $60 a week or less) 01
Between $3,000 and $5,999 a year (from $60 to $119 a week) 02
Between $6,000 and $7,499 a year (from $120 to $149 a week) 03
Between $7,500 and $8,999 a year (from $150 to $179 a week) 04
Between $9,000 and $10,499 a year (from $180 to $209 a week) 05
Between $10,500 and $11,999 a year (from $210 to $239 a week) 06
Between $12,000 and $13,499 a year (from $240 to $269 a week) 07
Between $13,500 and $14,999 a year (from $270 to $299 a week) 08
Between $15,000 and $18,000 a year (from $300 to $359 a week) 09
Over $18,000 a year (about $360 a week or more) 10

9. In the column under YOU circle the one number that best describes the work you were doing in May of 1972. Under YOUR SPOUSE circle the one number that best describes the work done by him/her last May. (The exact job may not be listed but circle the one that comes closest. If you or your spouse were out of work, disabled, or retired, or if your spouse is deceased, mark the kind of work that you or your spouse did before May of 1972.)

(Circle one number in each column.)

	You	Your spouse
CLERICAL such as bank teller, bookkeeper, secretary, typist, mail carrier, ticket agent	01	01
CRAFTSMAN such as baker, automobile mechanic, machinist, painter, plumber, telephone installer, carpenter	02	02
FARMER, FARM MANAGER	03	03
HOMEMAKER OR HOUSEWIFE	04	04
LABORER such as construction worker, car washer, sanitary worker, farm laborer	05	05
MANAGER, ADMINISTRATOR such as sales manager, office manager, school administrator, buyer, restaurant manager, government official	06	06
MILITARY such as career officer, enlisted man or woman in the armed forces	07	07
OPERATIVE such as meat cutter; assembler; machine operator; welder; taxicab, bus, or truck driver; gas station attendant	08	08
PROFESSIONAL such as accountant, artist, clergyman, dentist, physician, registered nurse, engineer, lawyer, librarian, teacher, writer, scientist, social worker, actor, actress	09	09
PROPRIETOR OR OWNER such as owner of a small business, contractor, restaurant owner	10	10
PROTECTIVE SERVICE such as detective, policeman or guard, sheriff, fireman	11	11
SALES such as salesman, sales clerk, advertising or insurance agent, real estate broker	12	12
SERVICE such as barber, beautician, practical nurse, private household worker, janitor, waiter	13	13
TECHNICAL such as draftsman, medical or dental technician, computer programmer	14	14

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10. As of May 1972, what was the highest educational level each of the following persons completed?

(Circle one number in each column.)

	You	Your spouse	Your oldest son or daughter
Doesn't apply (Circle the number in the appropriate column if you had no spouse or if you have no son or daughter older than the one who is the subject of this questionnaire)	1	1	1
Did not complete high (secondary) school	2	2	2
Finished high school or equivalent	3	3	3
Adult education program	4	4	4
Business or trade school	5	5	5
Some college	6	6	6
Finished college (four years)	7	7	7
Attended graduate or professional school (for example, law or medical school), but did not attain a graduate or professional degree	8	8	8
Obtained a graduate or professional degree (for example, M.A., Ph.D., or M.D.)	9	9	9

11. Who completed this questionnaire?

(Circle one.)

a. Mother (or female guardian) 1
b. Father (or male guardian) 2
c. Other 3

12. In question 9, you have broadly classified your jobs. The questions below deal more precisely with the occupations of you and your spouse.

a. What kind of work do you usually do? (Print your usual work on the line below.)

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(For example: TV repairman, sewing machine operator, spray painter, civil engineer, farm operator, farmhand, junior high English teacher)

b. What are your most important activities or duties in this work? (Print your duties on the line below.)

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(For example: Types, keeps account books, files, sells cars, operates printing press, cleans buildings, finishes concrete)

c. What is your job title? (Print title on the line below.)

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d. What kind of business or industry are you in? (Print the name of the industry on the line below.)

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(For example: TV and radio manufacturer, retail shoe store, State Labor Department, farm)

e. What kind of work does your spouse usually do? (Print his/her usual work on the line below.)

_____

(For example: TV repairman, sewing machine operator, spray painter, civil engineer, farm operator, farmhand, junior high English teacher)

f. What are his/her most important job duties in this work? (Print his/her duties on the line below.)

_____

(For example: Types, keeps account books, files, sells cars, operates printing press, cleans buildings)

g. What is his/her job title? (Print title on the line below.)

_____

h. What kind of business or industry is he/she in? (Print name of industry on the line below.)

_____

(For example: TV and radio manufacturer, retail shoe store, State Labor Department, farm)